

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to here my strong objection of to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will hurt numerous consumers like me, including limiting choices in channels, programming, broadband new television technologies, and reducing customer service by reducing the consumers right to choose.

By merging, the combined company will reduce the number competitors to cable television and will offer limited programming choices and, most importantly, increase prices for consumers. This merger will make satellite television a even weaker alternative to cable in our community. Local cable and satellite providers have already increased rates significantly over the last year. Consumers will also see a decrease in customer service as seen with the DirectTV and Primestar Merger. In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to NOT support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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